

20 Feb 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR: Comptroller

VIA: Deputy Director for Science & Technology

FROM:   
Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

SUBJECT: FBIS Coverage of the Muslim World

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1. Attached is a detailed breakdown of FBIS' 1980 and FY 1981 resource requirements for enhanced coverage of the Muslim World. The investment of the necessary funds and positions would yield the following coverage gains:

- a. Augmenting the staffing of the new Bahrain Bureau will provide for training of new personnel and expansion of the foreign national staff to include monitors with knowledge of Soviet vernacular language. We will have reliable coverage of North and South Yemen, the Arab Gulf states, southern and western Iranian regional radios and six Soviet Central Asian regional radios.
- b. The new effort will include immediate establishment of a unit in Islamabad to record and feed broadcasts over international telephone lines to a radio monitoring unit at the London Bureau. We will have full coverage of the Afghanistan and Pakistan domestic services, improved coverage of the eastern and northern Iranian regional radios and coverage of six additional Soviet Central Asian radios in Russian and vernacular languages. Funds  for the required engineering studies preparatory to installation in Islamabad of a remote-monitoring facility using U.S. Government communications have been included in FY 1980. This installation would replace the manned recording unit and use of vulnerable commercial communications 12-18 months after funding for it becomes available.

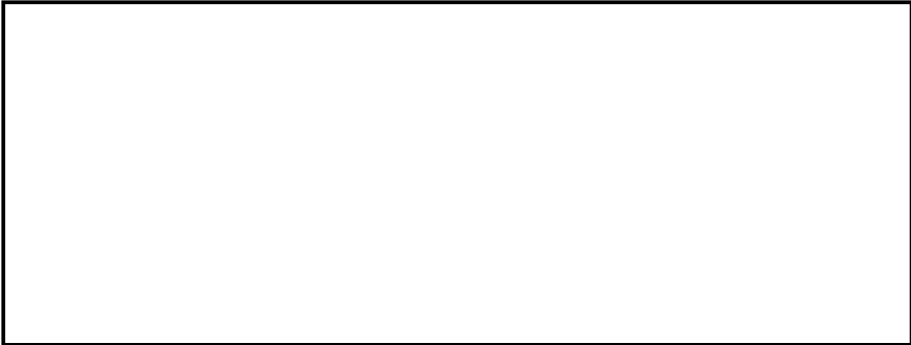
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- c. FBIS' presently limited coverage capability against Libyan and Sudanese radios will be expanded by use of remote-controlled receivers at an antenna site near Paphos, Cyprus, to relay signals to Nicosia Bureau for real-time processing.
- d. Antennas, receivers and other electronic installations at the Nicosia, Tel Aviv and Jordan bureaus will be improved to insure optimum reception of mediumwave and shortwave broadcasts originating in the Arab countries, Turkey, Iran and the USSR. This effort includes procurement of interference-suppression equipment developed for FBIS by ORD.
- e. 
- f. An additional editor will be placed in London Bureau, together with a foreign national research assistant, thus enabling FBIS to issue a daily roundup--presented in a terse, factual format--of major developments in the Middle East and Southwest Asia as reported by the radios of the countries concerned.
- g. Coverage at FBIS Headquarters of the publications of the Muslim countries will be enhanced to include scanning of 60 additional publications for selection and translation of material responsive to intelligence requirements and greater in-depth exploitation of the 150 publications covered at present. Coverage of the Soviet Central Asian vernacular press will be expanded from 11 to 35 publications.
- h. The additional personnel resources devoted to media analysis will be utilized to analyze the output from radio and press sources in Soviet Muslim areas, to provide substantive guidance for FBIS monitoring and processing of media output from Muslim countries and Soviet Muslim areas, and to develop and maintain research files in support of the analytical effort.

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i. The anticipated increase in output from foreign media sources attendant to the enhanced collection effort against Muslim countries and Soviet Central Asia is expected to strain severely the manual processing capabilities of the Daily Report. In order to modernize the Daily Report's information handling capabilities, FBIS proposes to implement this fiscal year the modernization plans being developed in association with ORD and ODP for the FY 1982 Program Plan for the Communications Center, Wire Service and Middle East/North Africa and Soviet Daily Reports, the components which will be most affected by the increased flow of material on the Muslim World.

2. The following supplementary information is provided at the request of your office:

a. The shortfall of \$552<sup>K</sup> for the Gulf Bureau (Bahrain) in FY 1981 results from the fact that the bureau was not included in our approved Program and OMB budget for that year. When we were directed to establish the bureau in September 1979, we reprogrammed from other programs the funds needed immediately for a basic installation, primarily from the authorized bureaus in Athens and southern Africa, for which host-government approvals are pending. The exact position with respect to these three bureaus in FY 1981 is as follows:

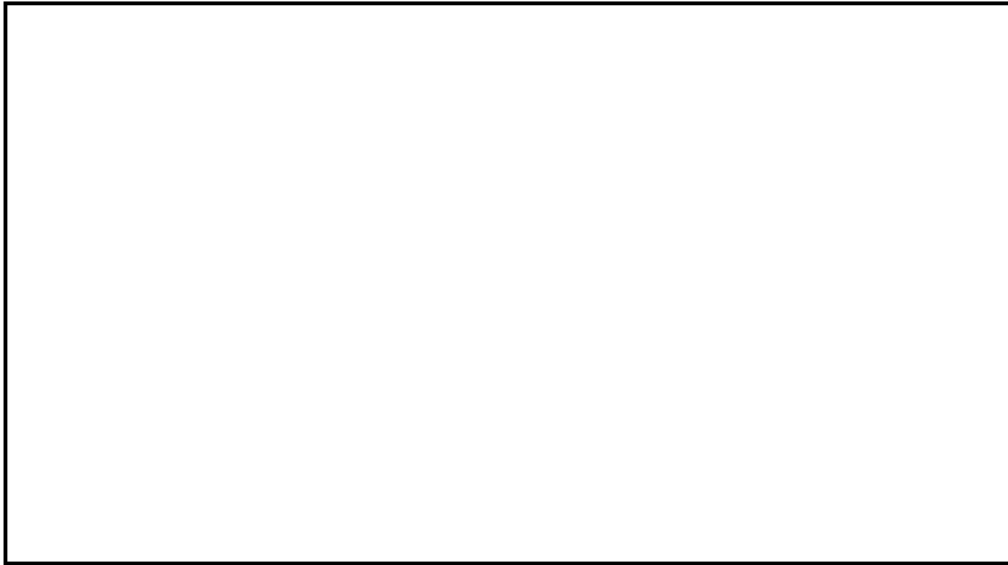
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